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BLM Lifts Fire Restrictions in Carlsbad Area

CARLSBAD – The U.S. Bureau of Land Management will cancel fire restrictions July 11 on publicly owned lands in Lea, Eddy and Chavez Counties, according to Mary Jo Rugwell, acting manager of the BLM-Carlsbad field office.

“Recent precipitation has significantly reduced the threat of wildfire in the Carlsbad area, so the restrictions enacted June 1 will be rescinded,” according to Paul Schmidtke, forester and fire management officer for the BLM-Carlsbad and the Guadalupe Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest. “We thank the local residents and visitors to our area for helping us keep fires from becoming a concern in the Carlsbad area.”

Fire restrictions are still in effect on other BLM-managed public lands in southern New Mexico. The limitations on smoking and use of campfires, stoves, explosives and chainsaws remain in force on public lands managed by the BLM’s Las Cruces and Socorro field offices and at the Fort Stanton recreation area, managed by the BLM’s Roswell office.

The BLM manages about 13 million acres of public land in New Mexico. About 10 million acres of the land is in southern New Mexico. The BLM is responsible for managing public lands and resources to ensure multiple use and yield based on long-term needs for renewable and non-renewable resources.

Additional information about fire restrictions is available at: www.nm.blm.gov and www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire.